

Community Action of Greater Indianapolis (CAGI) Youth Empowerment

Proposed Recipient: Community Action of Greater Indianapolis Inc.

Address of Recipient: 3266 N Meridian St, Indianapolis, IN 46208

Amount of the Request: \$60,000

Explanation of Request: The primary goal of We Community Action Networking Neighborhoods (WECANN) program is to deliver behavioral health services to African American's between the age of 18-26 who are returning from the criminal justice system. Many returning individuals who face substance abuse issues do not qualify for funding/programming from other sources and rely on WECANN. Our programming offers them a full assessment of their financial situation, housing needs, food access, transportation requirements, and education status. After the assessment, WECANN works to rehabilitate and to provide the following support services: Intensive Outpatient Treatment, Trauma-Focused Therapy, Addiction Psychiatry, Family Therapy, and much more.

The WeCANN's evidence-based program model is an effective use of tax-payer dollars because it ensures a decrease in recidivism through expanding opportunities, achieving sustainable employment, and becoming productive members of the community. Scaling this project with the assistance of Community Project Funding to serve additional youth within Marion County will decrease the occurrences of youth violence and improve public safety for all residents.